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§ 239.39 Form F-9, for registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of certain investment grade debt or investment grade preferred securities of certain Canadian issuers.

(a) Form F-9 may be used for the registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) of investment grade debt or investment grade preferred securities that are:

(1) Offered for cash or in connection with an exchange offer; and

(2) Either non-convertible or not convertible for a period of at least one year from the date of issuance and, except as noted in paragraph (e) of this section, are thereafter only convertible into a security of another class of the issuer.

Instruction: Securities shall be “investment grade” if, at the time of sale, at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (as that term is used in relation to Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) (§ 240.15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) of this chapter) or at least one Approved Rating Organization (as defined in National Policy Statement No. 45 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, as the same may be amended from time to time) has rated the security in one of its generic rating categories that signifies investment grade; typically the four highest rating categories (within which there may be sub-categories or gradations indicating relative standing) signify investment grade.

(b) Form F-9 is available to any registrant that:

(1) Is incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada or any Canadian province or territory;

(2) Is a foreign private issuer or a crown corporation;

(3) Has been subject to the continuous disclosure requirements of any securities commission or equivalent regulatory authority in Canada for a period of at least 12 calendar months immediately preceding the filing of this Form, and is currently in compliance with such obligations; and

(4) Has an aggregate market value of the public float of its outstanding equity shares of \$75 million or more; *provided, however*, that the requirement set forth in this paragraph (b)(4) shall not apply if the securities being registered on this Form are not convertible into another security.

Instructions: 1. For purposes of this Form, “foreign private issuer” shall be construed in accordance with rule 405 under the Securities Act.

2. For purposes of this Form, the term “crown corporation” shall mean a corporation all of whose common shares or comparable equity is owned directly or indirectly by the Government of Canada or a Province or Territory of Canada.

3. For purposes of this Form, the “public float” of specified securities shall mean only such securities held by persons other than affiliates of the issuer.

4. For purposes of this Form, an “affiliate” of a person is anyone who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, more than 10 percent of the outstanding equity shares of such person. The determination of a person’s affiliates shall be made as of the end of such person’s most recently completed fiscal year.

5. For purposes of this Form, “equity shares” shall mean common shares, non-voting equity shares and subordinate or restricted voting equity shares, but shall not include preferred shares.

6. For purposes of this Form, the market value of outstanding equity shares (whether or not held by affiliates) shall be computed by use of the price at which such shares were last sold, or the average of the bid and asked prices of such shares, in the principal market for such shares as of a date within 60 days prior to the date of filing. If there is no market for any of such securities, the book value of such securities computed as of the latest practicable date prior to the filing of this Form shall be used for purposes of calculating the market value, unless the issuer of such securities is in bankruptcy or receivership or has an accumulated capital deficit, in which case one-third of the principal amount, par value or stated value of such securities shall be used.

(c) In the case of an exchange offer, the securities to be registered on this Form shall be offered to U.S. holders upon terms and conditions not less favorable than those offered to any other holder of the same class of the securities to be exchanged (the “subject securities”) for the securities of the registrant.

(d) In the case of an exchange offer, the issuer of the subject securities shall be incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada or any Canadian province or territory and be a foreign private issuer or a crown corporation.

Instructions: 1. For purposes of this Form, the term "U.S. holder" shall mean any person whose address appears on the records of the issuer of the subject securities, any voting trustee, any depositary, any share transfer agent or any person acting in a similar capacity on behalf of the issuer of the subject securities as being located in the United States.

2. For purposes of this Form, the class of subject securities shall not include any securities that may be converted into or are exchangeable for the subject securities.

(e) If the registrant is a majority-owned subsidiary offering debt securities or preferred securities, it shall be deemed to meet the requirements of paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of this section if the parent of the registrant-subsidary meets the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section, as applicable, and fully and unconditionally guarantees the securities being registered as to principal and interest (if debt securities) or as to liquidation preference, redemption price and dividends (if preferred securities); *provided, however*, that the securities of the subsidiary are only convertible or exchangeable, if at all, for the securities of the parent.

(f) If the registrant is a successor registrant subsisting after a statutory amalgamation, merger, arrangement or other reorganization requiring the vote of shareholders of the participating companies (a "business combination"), the registrant shall be deemed to meet the 12-month reporting requirement of paragraph (b)(3) of this section if:

(1) The time the successor registrant has been subject to the continuous disclosure requirements of any securities commission or equivalent regulatory authority in Canada, when added separately to the time each predecessor had been subject to such requirements at the time of the business combination, in each case equals at least 12 calendar months, *provided, however*, that any predecessor need not be considered for purposes of the reporting history calculation if the reporting histories of

predecessors whose assets and gross revenues, respectively, would contribute at least 80 percent of the total assets and gross revenues from continuing operations of the successor registrant, as measured based on pro forma combination of such participating companies' most recently completed fiscal years immediately prior to the business combination, when combined with the reporting history of the successor registrant in each case satisfy such 12-month reporting requirement; and

(2) The successor registrant has been subject to such continuous disclosure requirements since the business combination, and is currently in compliance with its obligations thereunder.

(g) This Form shall not be used for registration of securities if no takeover bid circular or issuer bid circular (in the case of an exchange offer) or prospectus (in all other cases) is prepared pursuant to the requirements of any Canadian jurisdiction due to the availability of an exemption from such requirements.

(h) This Form shall not be used if the registrant or, in the case of an exchange offer, the issuer of the subject securities is an investment company registered or required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(i) Registrants and any non-U.S. person acting as trustee with respect to the securities being registered shall each file a Form F-X (§239.42 of this chapter) with the Commission at the time of filing this Form.

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§ 239.40 Form F-10, for registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of securities of certain Canadian issuers.

(a) Form F-10 may be used for the registration of securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), including securities to be issued in an exchange offer or in connection